

## House Resolution No. 4302

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their contributions to higher education; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Russell Keeling attained considerable distinction as a Communication professor, associate dean, acting vice president, assistant to the president, acting president, and chief executive officer at Missouri State University for thirty-four years prior to his well-deserved retirement; and

**Whereas**, on October 10, 2008, Dr. Russell Keeling will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when a plaque bearing his name is affixed to the Missouri State University Wall of Fame in the Plaster Student Union on campus in Springfield; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Russell Keeling is one of five 2008 Wall of Fame inductees whose combined 149 years of full-time dedicated service resulted in meaningful change at Missouri State University; and

**Whereas**, Wall of Fame members are nominated by faculty, staff, or students; known and respected by various segments of the campus community for their demonstrated character and integrity; and approved by the university's Board of Governors; and

**Whereas**, in his role as an innovative professor of communication, Dr. Russell Keeling taught classes that were the highlights of many student schedules; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Russell Keeling, as the acting president, guided the university through a transitional period with integrity and reliability; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Russell Keeling continued to be a highly positive influence on campus in retirement through his work teaching several courses each year:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Dr. Russell Keeling for induction into the Missouri State University Wall of Fame and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success in life for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. Russell Keeling.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Sara Lampe  
District No. 138

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4302, adopted October 6, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker